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A DRUNKEN MAN SENT UP IN A BALLOON.
The balloon ascension last evening caused a
large crowd of people to assemble. A furnace
to convey hot air to the balloon had been built,
and a great wood fire was roaring underneath.
The balloon began to fill and soon rounded itself
into an immense oval. A dish of alcohol was
placed underneath, and the smoke burnt out
and everything was ready to "let go." The
balloon was a patch of air of hemp linen, and
the basket, little larger than a market hand
basket, was fastened to it by small ropes. When
everything was in readiness, a bustling, tall,
thin man, with a blonde moustache, who was
the proprietor of the balloon, as we learned,
and who was supervising the affair, walked to
the back end of the lot and said, "Come on,
Bill," and a wretched, blue-eyed, drunken
man came staggering up, his hair and garments
dripping with the water that had been dashed
upon him to waken him from his drunken tor-
por, and he mechanically came forward as
one whose ideas were confused, and, stag-
gering up to the basket, put one foot in.
The word was given, the ropes were loosened,
the poles dropped, and the balloon shot into
the air, and the drunken man, standing up and
clinging to the ropes, waved his handkerchief
to the lessening world below. As it was a hot-
air balloon of small dimensions, it took its own
course, and came down anywhere as soon as
the hot air that upheld it was cooled and ex-
hausted. Everybody expected him to drop in
the river, but he sailed over and beyond it,
and when it reached the Davenport bluff began
to descend quite rapidly, just grazing the roof
of Otto King's house. When over Mr. Claus-
sen's premises, Western avenue and Seventh
street near Mr. King's, the balloonist, who
was hanging to the netting, let go, and fell a
distance of thirty feet, in his fall breaking
through the roof of Mr. E. Clausen's summer
house, and very badly injuring himself. No
bones were broken, but he was hurt internally,
and may possibly die of the injuries received.
—Rock Island Argus.

OILED FLOORS FOR KITCHENS.—I have for
several years followed the plan of oiling uncar-
peted floors, in order to avoid the labor of
scrubbing them, and I find it works well. You
can either oil or paint them, of course, but I
consider the oil preferable, on the following
grounds:—
It is cheaper. You can apply it yourself.
You have not to wait for it to dry. It produces
a pleasant color. It doesn't show tracks of
dust, mud and such like, and therefore a floor
thus prepared does not require frequent mop-
ping.
An oiled floor is better than a plain one in
following particulars:—
It looks better. It does not require scrub-
bing, which saves your back. It is never to be
mopped in hot water nor strong suds, which
saves your hands. Grease spots never hurt it,
which saves your temper.
To prepare a floor, I take a quantity of the
cheapest and least offensive oil I can secure, and
apply it with a common paint brush. I put it
on smoothly, so that it will strike in equally all
over and yet no stand in spots on the surface.
I do this at night, after the evening work is
finished, and find the place ready for use the
next morning. Of course it would not injure the
oiled surface itself to tread upon it at once,
but grease is liable to be tracked from it at
first, to adjacent parts of the house. A new
coat of oil applied once in six months, or even
once a year, sometimes is sufficient to keep a
floor in perfect order.
One may thus prepare to a great advantage
the floors of kitchens, pantries, summer din-
ing rooms, stairways and porches, closets, bath-
rooms and laborers' bed rooms. It is also a
good plan in children's apartments, particularly
when you are training them to do their own
room-work, to leave bare that end outside the
floor on which the bed stands, and to oil it.
That portion of the floor under the bed can be
easily kept free from dust, the bed and children
will be afforded free scope for their duck like style
of ablutions, without danger to the carpet.
—Western Rural.

A MUFF STORY.—The Grass Valley (Califor-
nia) Union of May 5th relates the following:
Some young ladies and gentlemen who were
taking advantage of the fine sleighing in the
interior of the State not long since, in attend-
ing a donation, surprise or wedding party, or
something of the kind, were obliged to sit three
in a seat. One of the seats contained two gen-
tlemen and one lady. The gentlemen of course
would not allow the lady to take an exposed
seat—she was extremely cold, the middle No. 1
quilt passed his hand (remarkably small one,
by the way) into the lady's muff. As the muff
was not very capacious the lady very quietly re-
moved one of her hands from the same. In a
few moments she felt a movement on the other
side, and found No. 2 attempting to pass his
hand into the muff on that side. She then
quietly withdrew her hand from the muff and
allowed him to do so. What took place in the
muff afterward she is unable to say. But each
of the gentlemen privately reported to a small
circle of friends how warily the lady had re-
turned the pressure of his hand in the muff,
while the lady as privately reported to a small
circle of friends the magnificent sale she had
made of both gentlemen.

DON'T WANT TO BE HUNG.—John Bazar,
having killed a rival in his love affairs, was
tried and sentenced to death in New Orleans.
A petition for clemency was at once sent to the
Governor on his behalf, the reason for it being
the prisoner's "ignorance," and the fact that
he only murdered a man in "a quarrel about a
woman." This was rather striking, but John
Bazar himself, sent a similar request for mer-
cy based upon the ground that "he was not
ready to appear before his Maker." He added:
"Let me remind you that it is written in the
Sacred Volume, in emphatic language, binding
on man and society, 'Thou shalt not kill.'" John
Bazar conveniently forgot that injunction
himself, but he evidently is of opinion that it
ought not to be forgotten when his own neck
is in jeopardy.

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Fever and Ague,
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and the long train of disorders following these
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promptly attended to. sep 28—tf

SPECIAL NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS.

All persons indebted to the city of Alexan-
dria for taxes, who wish to settle the same with-
out costs, can do so at my office, No. 12 Royal
street, between the hours of 4 and 8 o'clock p.
m., where I will attend to receive them.
Unless promptly settled, I am directed to in-
stitute proceedings for the collection of the same.
J. B. STILLSON,
feb 1—tf Corporation Attorney.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

I wish to inform the gentlemen that I have
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WINDSOR NECKTIE;

Also, some other styles, beautiful and cheap.

All the new and popular makes of **PAPER**

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Call and see them; I will sell them at great
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ing for sale: Carbolio Acid in solution and
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Grape Wine and California Brandy, Hagan's
Magnolia Balm and Laird's Balm of Youth,
Forrest's Juniper Tar, Nichols' Elixir, Peru-
vian Bark and Protocollin, Florida and
Mentha Water, Spear's Fruit Preserving
Solution and Lawrence's Extract Koskoo.
my 16 J. JANNEY & CO.

TO DEBTORS.

All persons indebted to the concern of

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R. M. LAWSON,

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Just received an assortment of **WATER**

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CARBOLIC SOAP, for washing horses, es-
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sects and will heal all kinds of sores. This is a
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my 10

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